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1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY HUIGENS OF WEU STAFF PER  
DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST.

QUESTIONS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT

THE SOVIET UNION IS ENGAGED IN A MASSIVE MODERNI-  
ZATION, EXPANSION AND CHARACTER CHANGE IN ITS LAND, SEA  
AND AIR POWER. TRANSFORMATION OF THE EASTERN MILITARY  
FORCES FROM ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVELY EQUIPPED FORCES TO  
EXPANDED AND OFFENSIVELY EQUIPPED FORCES HAS BEEN SO  
DRAMATIC AND OMINOUS THAT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN NATO  
FORCES IS BECOMING A NECESSITY.

WHAT REPERCUSSIONS WILL THIS HAVE ON THE UNITED  
STATES DEFENCE BUDGET IN RELATION TO SPACE, AVIATION  
AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER FIELDS OF AD-  
VANCED TECHNOLOGY?

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR NASA'S BUDGET,  
ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
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NEW AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES?

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SPACE?

COULD THE UNITED NATIONS PLAY A ROLE, AS SUG-  
GESTED BY THE FRENCH PRESIDENT, BY USING SATELLITES  
TO VERIFY THE EXECUTION OF DISARMAMENT PLANS?

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO  
HAVE ITS OWN RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES?

WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS  
SOVIET SURVEILLANCE SATELLITES WITH ATOMIC POWER PLANTS?

SHOULD THE UNITED NATIONS' COMMITTEE ON THE  
PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND,  
IF SO, WHAT ACTION MIGHT IT BE ABLE TO TAKE?

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-  
MENT ON THE OUTER SPACE TREATY AND THE LIMITED TEST  
BAN TREATY WITH REGARD TO MILITARY SATELLITES?

THE PRESIDENT'S 1976 AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE  
REPORT INDICATES THAT THE DEFENCE ADVANCED RESEARCH  
PROJECTS AGENCY IS PURSUING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR STRA-  
TEGIC SURVEILLANCE FROM SPACE. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE  
OF THIS RESEARCH?

WHAT ARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ARTIFICIAL  
EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING?

IF THE PLANS FOR NORDIC CO-OPERATION MATERIALISE  
HOW WILL THIS AFFECT INTELSAT?

WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
TOWARDS INTER-ARAB CO-OPERATION?

WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
UNITED STATES FOR RECEIVING AND PROCESSING LANDSAT  
DATA?

WHICH COUNTRIES ARE TAKING PART IN THE INTER-  
NATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANISATION?

WHEN WILL THIS ORGANISATION BECOME OPERATIONAL?

WHAT ARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING FUR-  
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THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
USSR IN SPACE MATTERS?

IS FURTHER COLLABORATION FORESEEN AFTER THE  
APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT?

WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON THE QUES-  
TION OF DEEP OCEAN MINING?

IS THERE STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WILL REACH  
AGREEMENT ON A TREATY?

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION ON THE RESULTS  
OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOLLOWING TREATIES:

- (A) THE 1958 ANTARCTIC TREATY?
- (B) THE 1963 MOSCOW TEST BAN TREATY?
- (C) THE 1966 OUTER SPACE TREATY?
- (D) THE 1968 NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY?
- (E) THE 1970 SEABED TREATY?

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFER-  
ENCE, THE SEVENTH SESSION OF WHICH BEGAN ON 28TH MARCH  
IN GENEVA, WOULD THE DEPARTMENT GIVE ITS OPINION  
ON HIGH SEAS FREEDOM, FISHERY CONSERVATION AND THE  
UTILISATION OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, THE RESOURCES

OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SHARING REVENUE WITH

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE MAXIMUM FLOW OF INFORMATION  
ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND MARINE ENVIRON-  
MENTAL PROTECTION?

IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON DEEP-SEA MINING,  
WILL THE UNITED STATES ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES TO  
START MINING DURING THE NEXT DECADE?

THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED OF WHETHER A TREATY  
WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO THE EXISTING SITUATION. WOULD  
A TREATY BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL 150 PARTICIPATING STATES  
IN VIEW OF THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WHICH EXIST  
BETWEEN THE "77" DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE INDUS-  
TRIALISED COUNTRIES?

2. QUESTIONS FOR THE SCIENCE ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT  
HOW CAN THE POLITICAL AIMS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRA-  
TION'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMMES BE  
DEFINED?

WHAT GENERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY HAS  
BEEN LAID DOWN BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION?

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCIENCE ADVISOR TO THE  
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PRESIDENT IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY?

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENTS, THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTES OF LEARNING?

WHAT IS THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, THE INSTITUTE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH AND INSTITUTES PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION?

HOW IS THE OVERALL RESEARCH BUDGET ESTABLISHED AND WHAT COURSE IS SET FOR IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

THE COMMITTEE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ENERGY PROBLEMS, NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY, NUCLEAR ENERGY, OCEANOGRAPHY, SPACE AND AVIATION RESEARCH. WHAT ARE THE TRENDS OF UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THESE FIELDS?

TO WHICH OF THE ABOVE SECTORS DID YOUR GOVERNMENT GIVE PRIORITY DURING THE 1960S AND TO WHICH WILL IT GIVE PRIORITY IN THE 1970S AND 1980S?

WHAT IS THE BUDGET TREND IN THE FIELD OF OCEANOLOGY?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET IS SPENT ON SUB-MARINE RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTS IN FISH RANCHING IN SHALLOW WATERS, BASIC RESEARCH ON THE RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, RESEARCH SHIPS AND THE OPERATION OF MARINE CENTRES?

WHAT PART OF THE BUDGET IS DEVOTED TO NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY, WAVE, TIDE, SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY?

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN THE FIELD OF RADIOACTIVE CHEMISTRY AND THE UTILISATION OF RADIO ELEMENTS IN ORDER TO FIGHT AIR AND WATER POLLUTION?

### 3. QUESTIONS FOR NASA

WHAT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ARE THERE REGARDING  
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NASA'S LONG-RANGE PLANNING?

WHAT ARE ITS PLANS CONCERNING THE CONCEPT OF SUPPLYING SOLAR ENERGY TO EARTH VIA SATELLITES?

IF THESE PLANS ARE APPROVED, HOW WILL THEY AFFECT THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMME?

WHAT PLANS EXIST FOR SCIENTIFIC WORK AND RESEARCH IN OUTER SPACE?

WILL THERE BE A PLANETARY MISSION TO VENUS?

AS THE EMPHASIS IS NOW ON SPACE APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE OF DIRECT USE ON EARTH, IS THERE NOT A DANGER THAT SCIENTIFIC EFFORTS WILL BE DIMINISHED?

IS THE POTENTIAL FOR INHABITING OTHER PLANETS  
IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM BEING STUDIED? IF SO, WHICH  
DIRECTION WILL THIS STUDY TAKE?

IS IT TRUE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE TECH-  
NOLOGY AND THE TOOLS TO TAP THE RESOURCES OF SPACE  
BUT THAT FOR BUDGETARY REASONS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO  
EXECUTE THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMME?

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A  
PERMANENT MANNED SPACE STATION IN 1990?

WILL MANNED MILITARY SPACE STATIONS BE REQUIRED  
AS PART OF FUTURE UNITED STATES SPACE OPERATIONS?

HOW WILL THE KNOWLEDGE AND DATA FROM EARTH  
RESOURCES SATELLITES SUCH AS LANDSAT BE DISTRIBUTED  
TO COUNTRIES REQUIRING THIS INFORMATION?

SHOULD AN INTERNATIONAL BODY BE SET UP TO TRANS-  
FER DATA TO COUNTRIES OR OTHER CUSTOMERS?

WILL A COMMERCIAL AGENCY OR ORGANISATION BE  
ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE THE SPACE SERVICES REQUESTED  
BY COUNTRIES OR COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS?

HAVE THE OIL COMPANIES ASKED FOR SATELLITES

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CAPABLE OF DETECTING OIL DEPOSITS OR MINERALS? WILL  
SUCH REQUESTS BE APPROVED?

HOW MANY SEASAT SATELLITES WILL BE LAUNCHED?

WILL AN OPERATIONAL SEASAT PROGRAMME BE SUPPORTED

BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
OR WILL A PRIVATE COMPANY BE SET UP TO RUN THIS PRO-  
GRAMME?

4. QUESTIONS FOR THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT

THE COMMERCIAL REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING OF  
PLUTONIUM PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE  
DEFERRED INDEFINITELY; WHAT VIABLE AND ECONOMIC NUCLEAR  
PROGRAMME COULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT SUCH REPROCESS-  
ING AND RECYCLING?

HOW WILL THE UNITED STATES BREEDER REACTOR PRO-  
GRAMME BE RESTRUCTURED?

WHAT WILL BE THE INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF  
AMERICAN POLICY WITH REGARD TO EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ASIA?

COULD AN INDICATION BE GIVEN ON THE FUTURE  
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OF:

- (A) THE ADVANCED GAS-COOLED REACTOR?
- (B) THE LIQUID METAL-COOLED REACTOR?
- (C) THE HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS-COOLED REACTOR?
- (D) THE STEAM GENERATING HEAVY WATER REACTOR?
- (E) THE FUSION PROCESS?
- (F) SAFETY STUDIES?
- (G) APPLIED NUCLEAR WORK?
- (H) RADIO ISOTOPES, RADIATION TECHNIQUES?

WHAT IS THE TREND FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATING  
CAPACITY IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS GROWTH RATE AND  
FUTURE?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED FROM  
NUCLEAR SOURCES?

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED GENERATING CAPACITY OF  
ELECTRICAL ENERGY REQUIRED IN 1985 AND 1990 AND WHAT  
PERCENTAGE OF THIS WILL BE PROVIDED BY NUCLEAR GENERAT-  
ING STATIONS?

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL NUCLEAR RESEARCH BUDGET?

IS IT TRUE THAT THE COMBINED BUDGETS OF FRANCE,  
THE UNITED KINGDOM AND GERMANY FOR RESEARCH ON FAST  
BREEDER REACTORS REPRESENT A TOTAL SMALLER THAN THE  
ANNUAL UNITED STATES BUDGET FOR RESEARCH ON THIS TYPE  
OF REACTOR?

5. QUESTIONS FOR THE SENATE SPACE SUBCOMMITTEE

WHICH ARE THE REASONS WHY THE SENATE SUPPRESSED  
ITS SPACE COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHED A SPACE SUB-  
COMMITTEE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMITTEE FOR  
COMMERCE?

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SUB-  
COMMITTEE?

WILL PARLIAMENTARY SUPERVISION OF THE AEROSPACE  
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ACTIVITIES OF NASA AND THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN  
NASA AND THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES BE CARRIED OUT BY  
THE SUB-COMMITTEE?

CAN THE CONGRESS COMMITTEES FOLLOW THE RAPID  
DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT MACHINERY HAS BEEN  
ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATORS IN THEIR TASK?

IS NASA SPACE POLICY WORKED OUT TOGETHER WITH  
THE CONGRESS COMMITTEES?

WHAT IS THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN THE SUPER-  
VISION OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON SPACE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT?

HOW IS THE SUB-COMMITTEE INFORMED OF THE SPECIFIC  
SUBJECTS CONCERNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BEING  
FOLLOWED BY NASA SCIENTISTS?

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A USSR SPACE  
SHUTTLE?

HOW DOES THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOLLOW RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT IN MILITARY SPACE APPLICATIONS?

SHOULD AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON  
SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BE ESTABLISHED AT PARLIA-  
MENTARY LEVEL?

HOW IS CONTROL EXERCISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS RELATED TO AVIATION?

IS THE SUB-COMMITTEE STUDYING THE CONSEQUENCES  
OF SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT, HIGH PERFORMANCE VTOL AIRCRAFT  
AND CIVIL AND MILITARY SHORT-HAUL TECHNOLOGY?

NASA IS CARRYING OUT IMPORTANT RESEARCH IN THE  
FIELD OF SOLAR ENERGY. IS THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
OPINION THAT THIS MIGHT BECOME COST COMPETITIVE AND,  
IF SO, IN WHAT FORM?

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY

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NASA ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DISPOSING OF RADIOACTIVE  
NUCLEAR WASTE IN SPACE?

6. BRIEF NOTES ON SPACELAB (SL)

1. THE SL DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE IS GOING AHEAD WITHOUT PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES. AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR: THE CRITICAL DESIGN REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME WAS CONSIDERED HIGHLY SATISFACTORY, AND FOLLOWING THIS ESA HAS DECIDED TO AUTHORISE MANUFACTURE OF THE SL FLIGHT UNIT TO BE DELIVERED TO NASA. THIS REVIEW WAS THE LAST ONE BEFORE THE FLIGHT ACCEPTANCE REVIEW WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE SL. THE NPT MILESTONE WILL BE THE DELIVERY OF THE ENGINEERING MODEL TO NASA, PLANNED FOR MID-1979. THE FLIGHT UNIT WILL BE SHIPPED TO NASA, IN TWO SETS, IN AUTUMN 1979 AND EARLY 1980, IN READINESS FOR THE FIRST TWO SPACELAB MISSIONS FOR DECEMBER 1980 AND APRIL 1981.

B 2. ONE OF ESA'S MAIN CONCERNS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS THE STATUS OF NASA'S UNCLASSIFIED

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SL PROCUREMENT ORDER FOR THE NEXT SL UNIT. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THE SL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCLUDED BETWEEN NASA AND ESA, NASA SHOULD GIVE AN INITIAL SL PROCUREMENT ORDER FOR AT LEAST ONE SL UNIT AT THE LATEST 2 YEARS BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST SL UNIT. THIS MEANS THAT SUCH AN ORDER SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY ESA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND JANUARY 1978, IF ONE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST SL FLIGHT UNIT.

WHILST THE ADMINISTRATORS OF NASA HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CONFIRMED NASA'S WILLINGNESS TO PURCHASE THIS ADDITIONAL SL UNIT, (AND PERHAPS MORE), A FORMAL ORDER HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM NASA. IT IS HOPED THAT AN OFFSET ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN NASA AND ESA MAY HELP



TO PLACE RAPIDLY SUCH AN ORDER, IN THAT IT MAY ASSIST NASA TO OVERCOME A BUDGETARY PROBLEM (THEY USED THE MONEY EARMARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MAIN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET). SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD OFFSET PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OR GOODS TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES. HENCE, WE EXPECT A NASA PROCUREMENT ORDER IN OCTOBER 1978, BY WHICH TIME AN OFFSET ARRANGEMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. WE ALSO HOPE THAT APPROPRIATE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVISIONS, ON BOTH SIDES, WILL BE MADE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT PROCUREMENT OF FURTHER SPACELAB UNITS, TO WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE MEMORANDUM EQUALLY REFER.

3. BEYOND THIS, ESA AND ITS MEMBER STATES EXPECT THAT THE US AUTHORITIES WILL FULLY REPLY TO, AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE US GOVERNMENT AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES OF THE AGENCY, WHICH HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THEIR FUTURE COOPERATION IN THE SO-CALLED POST-APOLLO

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PROGRAMME. IN PARTICULAR, THE US UNDERTOOK

--TO KEEP THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS INFORMED OF THE US PLAN FOR FUTURE USE OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE SYSTEM, AND OF FUTURE CONCEPTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO MODIFICATIONS OF THE PRESENT SL CONCEPT, WITH A VIEW TO EXPANDING AND EXTENDING THIS COOPERATION BEYOND THE AGREEMENT (ART.5);

--TO MAKE THE SPACE SHUTTLE AVAILABLE FOR SL MISSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS ON EITHER A COOPERATIVE OR COST-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS;

--TO CONSULT WITH THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING A CONTINUING AND EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE USE OF OUTER SPACE, AND FURTHERMORE TO ASSOCIATE THEM WITH MISSION DEFINITION PLANNING FOR THE USE OF THE SYSTEM AND WITH PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM.

IT SHOULD BE UNDERLINED THAT EUROPEAN STATES ATTACH, ON THAT BASIS, MUCH IMPORTANCE TO BEING CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN US OR US/SOVIET "POST APOLLO" ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING.

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